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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN POPULATION STATISTICS ISSUED

1. EGYPT'S POPULATION HAS REACHED 38 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PRESS RELEASE ISSUED JUNE BY GOE CENTRAL AGENCY FOR MOBILIZATION AND STATISTICS. RELEASE NOTES THIS TOTAL PREPARESENTS INCREASE OF ONE MILLION IN PAST 14 MONTHS, WITH ONE YEAR GROWTH TOTAL OF 827,800 (ALMOST 2.2 PERCENT ANNUAL GROWTH BY OUR CALCULATION). AGENCY PREDICTS, ON BASIS PRESENT GROWTH RATES, EGYPT'S TOTAL POPULATION WILL REACH 70 MILLION BY YEAR 2,000; GREATER CAIRO WILL ACCOUNT FOR 20 MILLION OF THAT FIGURE, AS CONTRASTED WITH PRESENT 8.77 MILLION.

2. OTHER DATA PUBLISHED IN RELEASE INCLUDES FIGURE OF 690 PERSONS PER SQUARE KILOMETER OF "POPULATED" AREA IN 1976 AND 28,000 PERSONS PER SQUARE KILOMETER IN CAIRO, AN INCREASE FROM 19,000 IN PAST TEN YEARS. GIZA IS HEAVIEST POPULATED GOVERNORATE IN LOWER EGYPT (2.4 MILLION) AND DAKAHLIYA IS HEAVIEST IN UPPER EGYPT (2.8 MILLION).

3. AGENCY'S INFORMATION IS SAID TO BE BASED ON SAMPLE CENSUS. PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED IN ARABIC ONLY AND NO MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED AT THIS TIME.

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